



# State of Nevada

## A REPORT TO OUR CITIZENS ON THE RECOVERY ACT

On February 13, 2009, Congress passed the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (Recovery Act). Four days later, the President signed the legislation into law. The Recovery Act, commonly known as the “stimulus” package, has three main goals:

- *To create and save jobs*
- *To spur economic activity and invest in long-term economic growth*
- *To foster unprecedented levels of accountability and transparency in government spending*

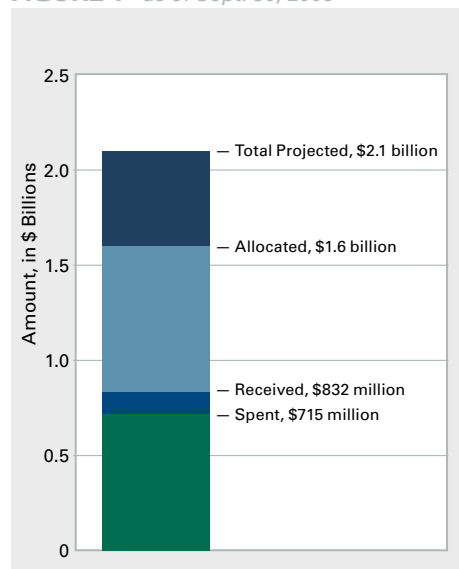
The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (Recovery Act) was signed into law on February 17, 2009. The Recovery Act authorized spending up to \$787 billion to aid in the rebound of the nation’s economy.

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The Recovery Act targets three ways to achieve those goals. Money is distributed through contracts and grants, loans and loan guarantees, and through tax policies.

Nevada’s total projected share of Recovery Act funds is \$2.1 billion. Figure 1 shows how much of that amount has already been allocated for Nevada, and how much has been received and spent by the State government between Feb. 17, 2009, the date the Act was authorized, and September 30, 2009.

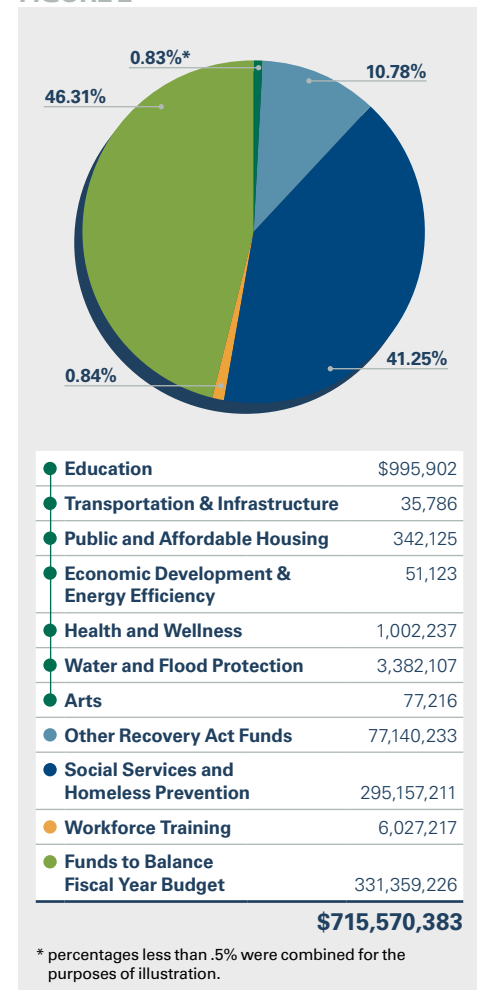
**FIGURE 1** as of Sept. 30, 2009



The State has spent 87 percent of the money on education, medical assistance, and aid to the unemployed. These areas needed immediate attention to maintain education services and to maintain subsistence levels for the state’s most needy citizens before the business of growth for our economy could begin.

Figure 2 breaks down Nevada’s expenditures by program type as of 9/30/09.

**FIGURE 2**





“During this reporting period most of the Recovery Act funds went to increased medical assistance, unemployment benefits and education. The next reporting period will show spending on roads, renewable energy, and broadband technology that will help create much-needed jobs for our citizens.”

—Kim Wallin, State Controller

## Unemployment

Nevada’s unemployment rate remains one of the highest in the nation. The state spent \$288 million of Recovery Act money in additional and extended unemployment benefits from Feb. 17 through Sept. 30, 2009, in addition to increasing programs to train and educate persons seeking jobs. In October, the state’s unemployment rate fell to a seasonally adjusted 13 percent, a decline of .3 percent from September’s high. Indicators show signs of stabilization in the unemployment rate, although progress is slow.

## K-12 and Higher Education

Under the Recovery Act, one-time funds are allocated to stabilize state budgets. Formula funding totaling \$324 million is available to Nevada for K-12 Education and Higher Education spending. Application has been made for competitive funds as well.

As of September 30, \$155 million has been spent to stabilize Nevada’s educational services.

## Increased Medicare/Medicaid Support

At the end of September, \$176 million in Recovery Act money was spent to increase medical assistance to low-income families.



## Upcoming Projects

- Weatherization Assistance is underway in Nevada to promote energy efficiency. By the end of March, 2012, 5500 houses throughout Nevada will have improved weatherization, and 7 million kilowatt hours of energy will have been saved.
- The Department of Transportation reports an increase of 479 jobs thanks to Recovery Act dollars as of September 30, and anticipates greater numbers as more projects begin this year and next. Total Recovery Act funding for state-only projects totals \$135 million.
- The Department of Conservation and Natural Resources has received a Recovery Act grant of \$1.7 million to purchase environmentally friendly buses for 15 public school districts in Nevada.

## Grants to Other Entities in Nevada

Several Recovery Act funds programs in Nevada are not administered by the state. Counties, cities, tribal governments, nonprofit organizations and educational institutions account for the receipt of approximately \$160 million in money flowing into Nevada as of September 30.

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